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[REDACTED] Comment:

a. The following [REDACTED] are assumed to be stationed in the Ural MD. [REDACTED] found in the Soviet zone of Germany.

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77th Rifle Div, in the Sverdlovsk area  
91st Rifle Div, in the Molotov area

b. The following installations were confirmed in the Ural MD [REDACTED]

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Hq Ural MD in Sverdlovsk, up to the Spring of 1948  
Suvorov Military School in Sverdlovsk, up to March 1948  
(Reference No 10 on Annex 2).  
Infantry School in Sverdlovsk up to September 1948  
(Reference No 8 on Annex 2)

c. The Izhevsk officer candidate school (probably a Suvorov Military School) was reported for the first time

2 Annexes: (1) Soviet Troops in the Ural MD (list)  
(2) Installations in Sverdlovsk (sketch)

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Town:	Date	Source Employment:	Installation:	Location:	Occupation	25X1X	Remarks
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Sverdlovsk (56°50' N/ 60°45' E)	1947 to June 1949	25X1X [redacted]	1. Barracks (wooden canton- ment buildings)	SE city exit, on NE side of Sibirsky T Trakt (see reference No 2 on Annex 2)	Tank unit 34 tanks ob- served		[redacted] observed several three-story wooden barracks at the SE edge of the city in mid-1948. T34 tanks and tanks of another type were seen entering and leaving the barracks area.
			2. Barracks (two brick buildings)	Some 100 meters SE of the Tank Barracks on the same side of road (see reference No 2 on Annex 2)	Referred to as Drivers' Barracks. Many trucks in the barracks area.		
			3. Barracks (large brick building)	Several kilometers SE of Drivers' Bar- racks, on SW side of same road, north of the military airfield (see reference No 3 on An- nex 2)	AAA unit. Ten canvas-covered AA guns were emplace- ed on a long, partly wooded hill about 1 km SW of the bar- racks. Tents were beside the emplace- ments.		
	1946 to April 1949	25X1X [redacted]	1. Barracks (two four-story brick buildings, two wooden gara- ges, old instal- lation)	About 10 km SSE of the city, at northern en- trance. Village of Nizhne Isetski, on wes- tern side of road (see reference No 4 on Annex 2)	a. T34 and lighter tanks, mainly in garages. b. Two 172-mm guns, field howitzers, light mortars and light and heavy AA guns were ob- served in the area of the barracks		

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Sverdlovsk  
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2. Tank repair shop (old, 120x80-meter brick building)

East of Nizhne Isetski, near the Khimuralsk plant (see reference No 5 on Annex 2)

Troops wearing blue caps with red bands and red epaulets bearing the number 437 were observed at the guns (The same troops were also seen in the Khimuralsk plant)

Repair of tanks coming from the above-mentioned barracks. The shop was operated by about 200 troops. Each tank coming in for repair was accompanied by its driver and gunner. Tanks of the following types were repaired: T34 (with a 76.2-mm gun, without muzzle brake) T70 (designation on brass nomenclature plate on cylinder-head cover) with a 47-mm gun, without muzzle brake, and a light machine gun) JS (with a 122-mm gun, with muzzle brake, two machine guns and an AA machine gun on the turret; only two JS tanks seen). The JS tanks differed from JS tanks observed in 1944 in the following features: a. Front armor reinforced by a 60-mm armor plate welded on with 2-mm interspace, thus bringing the front armor up to 160 mm. (This work was done in the repair shop) b. Hatch, 50x50 cm, in the center of the bottom of the hull. (Observed for the first time)

3. Tank training area NW of tank repair shop area

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Sverdlovsk (cont'd)						Daily drivers' training with 20 to 25 tanks from the barracks (mostly T 30 tanks, two JSs and some T34s and T43s.
1946 to March 1949	25X1X <div></div>	Barracks (two brick buildings)	About 10 km SSE of city, at northern entrance to Nishno Isetsk, on western side of road (see reference No 4 on Annex 2)	Artillery or AAA unit (barracks was west of the Ural-Khimash plant)	<div></div> observed 25X1X	About 30 tanks were observed almost daily coming from Sverdlovsk on the road to Kamenak (56°25' N/61°42' E). Horse-drawn and motorized artillery were repeatedly observed on the same road.
1947 to March 1949	25X1X <div></div>	Ordnance depot (three-story administration building, five 120x30x12-meter storage buildings with basements, two of wood, wire fence, railroad spurs)	NW of city, NW of freight and marshaling station (see reference No 6 on Annex 2)	Referred to as Central Storage Depot for light infantry weapons (Sklad), stored pistols, rifles (of German, US, Czech and Soviet make), magazine-fed rifles, light machine guns (of US and Soviet make), submachine guns, hand grenades, mortars, gas masks, gas	Three large brick storage buildings, stocked with industrial products of various kinds were in the same area.	

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Sverdlovsk (cont'd)	1940 to March 1949	25X1X	1. Tank park (near a prominent water tower)	6 to 8 km north of main railroad sta- tion, in a woods west of road to Nishni Tagil (57°55' N/39°30' E) (see reference No 7 on Annex 2)	About 100 armored vehicles, mostly SP guns (with chassis resembling those of T34 tanks, guns mount- ed somewhat off cen- ter, without muzzle brake), parked there. No troop quarters seen. Soviet soldiers referred to the tank park as Tanku Polka.	confirmed that a tank park with many tanks was located there in mid-1948.
			2. Barracks (se- veral brick build- ings)	SE sector of city, about 800 meters east of Isetye River, north of Ulitsa Dekabristov (see reference No 8 on Annex 2)	Infantry troops seen drilling in the bar- racks area	25X1X observed served barracks being constructed in the north- ern suburb of Yeksa-Va- torny Poselok up to August 1949. Troops with crossed- pickaxe and spade insignia were doing the construction work. There was a railroad spur.
			3. Military quar- ters (Katharinburg Monastery)	West of the edge of Ulit- sa Dekabristov (see re- ference No 9 on Annex 2)	Ten radio trucks seen leaving. Large charging units mounted on trucks were observed. The unit was referred to as signal unit.	

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Sverdlovsk			4. Military quarters (large brick building)	Northern part of Ulitsa Lenina, about 500 meters NE of Opera House (see reference No 11 on Annex 2)	A relief depicting soldiers and tanks and poles flying ensigns observed in front of the buildings	The House of Red Army Officers, a converted church, was nearby.
			5. Military quarters	About 500 meters NW of Opera House (see reference No 10 on Annex 2)	Referred to by Soviet soldiers as Suvorov Cadet School. 15 to 16-year old boys seen there.	
			6.		A motorized artillery unit with rocket launchers, heavy mortars and light guns seen preparing for a troop review in the city area.	
	25X1X		7. Large supply depot (many storage buildings)	Eastern edge of city south of a bakery and a water tower (see reference No 12 on Annex 2)	Arktis Snap, supply depot for naval equipment required in Arctic regions. Entrenching tools, metal ingots, soap, cog wheels, paper bales, acids, insulators, transformers, valves and horse shoes stored in the buildings. Outgoing shipments to Murmansk, Arkhangelsk and the Crimean Peninsula (items were crated negligently).	

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Sverdlovsk (cont'd)	October to November 1948	25X1X [redacted]	Barracks (four three-story brick buildings, one headquarters build- ing, four 60x20- meter garages)	NE edge of city, one northern side of Bere- zovski rakt, about 2km west of Ozero Shartash opposite a wooded area (see reference No 13 on Annex 2)	Unit in strength of one battalion Tk troops wear- ing black caps and black epau- lets observed. A junk yard with about 20 old tanks was oppo- site the barracks	25X1X [redacted] observed a large barracks and a cantonment occu- pied by about 1,000 troops at the place men- tioned in December 1947. About 50 tanks were parked under trees in the area opposite the barracks
	1945 to September 1948		1. Barracks (three three-story brick buildings)	Katharinburg Monas- tery, outside the western end of Ulitsa Dekabristov (see re- ference No 9 on Annex 2)	Unit estimated at one regiment	25X1X [redacted] confirmed that a cadet school was in the Katharinburg Monastery in early 1948. Soviet sol- diers said that the military district headquarters was in Sverdlovsk in early 1948
			2. Barracks* (several three- story brick build- ings)	SE sector of city; about 800 meters east of Isetye River, on northern side of Ulitsa Dekabristov (see refe- rence No 8 on Annex 2)	Officer candidate school with about 500 trainees. Another military school with several brick buildings, was near Ulitsa Lendna	25X1X [redacted] confirmed that a barracks occupied by a tank unit was there in mid-
Pyshma (56° 55' N/ 60° 37' E)	May to Sep- tember 1948		Barracks (two four-story, 120x 30-meter brick	NE edge of town	T34 tanks repeated- ly observed at training field NE	

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			buildings, a 40x 15-m shed, motor vehicle parking lot under trees)		of barracks. Troops practiced smoke screening	1948. Opposite the barracks was a parking lot for T34 tanks and SP guns, including a heavy SP gun of 150 to 170-mm caliber
Revd (58° 45' N/ 59° 45' E)	1945 to November 1948	25X1X	Barracks (brick buildings, on a 1.5x1-km area)	East of town on eastern side of railroad line leading SE	Two large, four-story angular buildings, one small brick building at the gate and two two-story brick buildings were completed in October 1948. Two deep excavations in the center of the construction site had been dug for mess buildings with heating plant, according to Soviet laborers. About 30 building sites were staked off on the other three sides of the area. The barracks was scheduled to be completed in 1950.	
Nizhni Tagil (57° 55' N/ 59° 30' E)	1945 to September 1948		Barracks	Western edge of city near a railroad line	Occupied to capacity by a tank unit with T34 and JS tanks	25X1X observed a tank unit leaving Nizhni Tagil on practice marches up to June 1948. 25X1X and Soviet guards said the tanks were being tested.

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Nizhni Tagil (cont'd)	1943 to May 1947	25X1X [REDACTED]	Barracks (three-story, 80-meter brick building along the street and a similar building forming a rectangle with the first building)	Northern sector city, about 500 meters west of a bakery	Unit of very young soldiers wearing black epaulets with tank insignia	
Izhevsk (56°52' N/ 53°07' E)	1945 to mid-1948		Military quarters	Unidentified	Officer candidate school (cadet school), with about 500 17 to 18-year old trainees, observed in formation for a military ceremony.	
Phogphority (59°37' N/ 52°20' E)	1947 to February 1949		Military quarters (30 to 40 cantonment buildings)	East of railroad station	Penal unit of about 1,000 men. Each cantonment building occupied by 30 to 40 troops, which were observed on [REDACTED]	
	1945 to January 1948	25X1X [REDACTED]	1. Wood camp (cantonment buildings, headquarters building, kitchen, two store-houses, two stables and two ammunition storages, in an unfenced 500x300-meter area)	Near railroad station	A mounted infantry battalion of paroled military prisoners, military prisoners, estimated at 1,500 (former Soviet PWs in Austria), arrived in May 1947. The troops lived in tents until completion of the cantonment buildings in October 1947.	

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Phosphority (continued)			2. Wood camp (five cantonment buildings, one headquarters build- ing, three officers' billets, two store houses, bakery, am- munition storage house and hospital building, in a 200x300-meters area surrounded by a board fence)	about 16 km east of the wood camp	Another battalion of paroled mi- litary prison- ers (former So- viet PWs in Aus- tria) arrived in the summer of 1947. They were still living in tents in December 1947. The two canton- ments were con- nected by a cor- duroy road. Soviet soldiers said that politi- cal prisoners would later be quartered in the cantonments.	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">25X1X</span> confirmed that a cantonment of three officers' billets and six ENI quarters was under con- struction in the area about 20 km east of Phosphority in January 1948. An architect said that a Soviet unit of paroled prisoners would be quartered there.
Molotov (58°01' N/ 56°15' E)	1945 to March 1949	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px 20px;">25X1X</span>	1. Barracks (four- story, white-painted 50-meter brick build- ing)	NE end of main street leading to ferry- crossing, at the corner of Lenina Street	Generally referred to as Naval Bar- racks.	
			2. Barracks	SE sector of city	Referred to as Guard Barracks. Several storage build- ings, called Ordnance Depots I and II were nearby	

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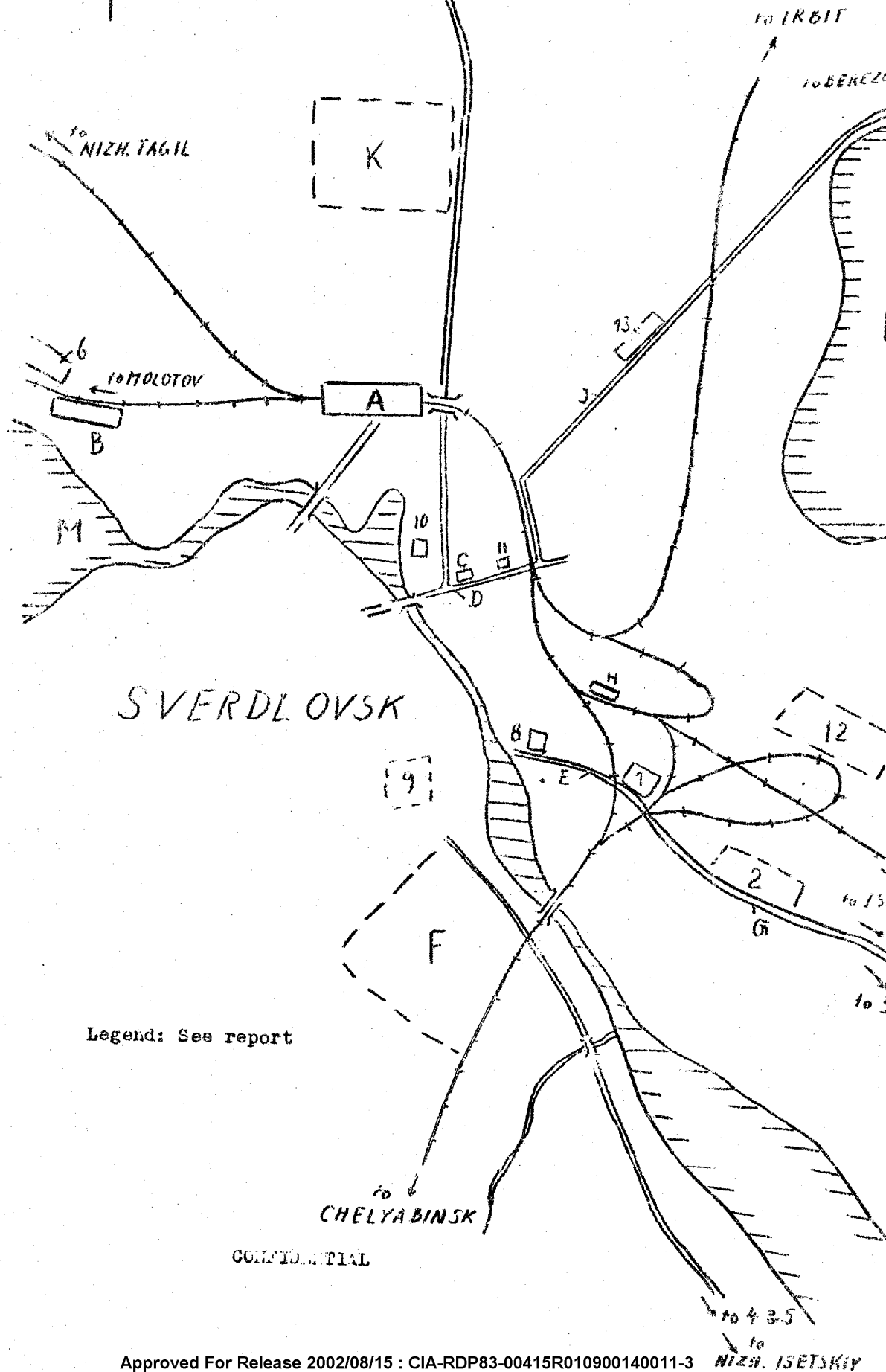
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Molotov (cont'd)			3. Storage depot (seven or eight 150x50-meter wooden warehouses, board fence, watch towers)	About 3 km NE of city, on eastern bank of Yama River	No information on stocks.	

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Installations in Sverdlovsk



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Attachment 2

Legend to Annex 2

- 1 Barracks
- 2 Barracks
- 3 Barracks near Istok
- 4 Barracks at Nizhni Isetski
- 5 Tank repair shop at Nizhni Isetski
- 6 Ordnance depot
- 7 Tank park
- 8 Barracks
- 9 Barracks (Yekaterinburg Monastery)
- 10 Cadet training school (?)
- 11 Military quarters
- 12 Arktis Snap supply depot
- 13 Barracks
- A Main railroad station
- B Marshaling yard
- C Opera House
- D Ulitsa Lenina
- E Ulitsa Dekabristov
- F Commercial airfield
- G Sibirski Trakt
- H Shartash railroad station
- I Ulitsa Berezovski Trakt
- K Urulmash Zavod
- L ozero Shartash (lake)
- M Verkhne Isetski Prud

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